

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

**ANGELICA B. SMITH,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**VALVOLINE, LLC,**

**Defendant.**

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**CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:22-CV-02472**

**NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT**

Pursuant to Local Rule 16.3 and Section B(6) of Judge Bennett’s Court Procedures and Practices, Plaintiff Angelica B. Smith and Defendant Valvoline, LLC hereby provide notice to the Court that the parties have reached a settlement in principle in this matter. Accordingly, the parties jointly request that the Court stay all Court proceedings and deadlines, including the upcoming trial that is set to begin on or after March 4, 2024. The parties are in the process of drafting a settlement agreement and anticipate filing a Stipulation of Dismissal pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) within forty-five (45) days.

Dated: February 15, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On February 15, 2024, I electronically submitted the foregoing document with the Clerk of Court for the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas using the Electronic Case Filing system of the Court. I hereby certify that I have served the following:

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